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SUBJ: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT FOR NORTHWEST
CAPE STATION

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1. NEWS ITEM INCLUDING PICTURE OF NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY COMMANDER
AT NORTHWEST CAPE STATION APPEARED ON PAGE 3 OF CANBERRA TIMES
JULY 19. TEXT OF SHORT ARTICLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE ACT MAN FOR US BASE

QTE COMMANDER L. G. TERRY, OF CANBERRA, ACT, HAS BEEN APPOINTED
DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE HUGE US NAVY COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT
NORTHWEST CAPE.

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QTE THE COMMUNICATION STATION IS BELIEVED TO BE CRUCIAL TO NUCLEAR-MISSILE-ARMED U.S. SUBMARINES OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. IT ALSO RELAYS MESSAGES TO BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINES AND TO US, AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH AND NEW ZEALAND SURFACE WARSHIPS.

QTE COMMANDER TERRY, WHO IS DUE AT THE BASE TODAY, WILL HAVE 45 RAN PERSONNEL IN HIS UNIT. ELEVEN WILL OPERATE AN ALL-AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE. RAN MESSAGES HAVE UNTIL NOW BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH THE US CONTROL ROOM.

QTE OTHER RAN PERSONNEL ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER THE OPERATION OF KEY SECTIONS OF THE BASE UNDER THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED IN JANUARY BETWEEN THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, MR. BARNARD, AND THE US SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE, DR SCHLESINGER. END QTE

2. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY PRESS OR PUBLIC REACTION TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. DFA CONTACT INFORMS THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIGNED BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AND AMBASSADOR GREEN IN MARCH IS SUBJECT OF SUBMISSION TO AUSTRALIAN CABINET. CABINET HAS NOT, HOWEVER, GOTTEN AROUND TO CONSIDERING THIS EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IT IS DFA'S SPECULATION THAT BECAUSE OF PRESS OF OTHER MATTERS INCLUDING JOINT SITTING OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT TO TAKE PLACE ON JULY 30 TO CONSIDER OTHER BILLS, NORTHWEST CAPE AGREEMENT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED BY PARLIAMENT UNTIL BUDGET SESSION WHICH BEGINS IN LATE AUGUST.
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